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COLOMBO PASS POPHAM; NEW DELHI PASS WAYNE MILLS

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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP:TRAVEL OF F.H. POPHAM AND DAVID
LECONTE

REF: NEW DELHI 12572 AND COLOMBO 2999

1. SMITHSONIAN REGRETS POPHAM ILLNESS AND APPROVES SICK LEAVE IN NEW ZEALAND DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. TICKET TO LONDON SHOULD BE REROUTED BY POPHAM.
2. POPHAM, HOWEVER, SHOULD REMAIN IN SRI LANKA UNTIL ARRIVAL OF DAVID LECONTE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SMITHSONIAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION, WHO PLANS ONE WEEK CONSULTATION WITH POPHAM BEGINNING ABOUT DECEMBER 30.
3. POPHAM DEPARTURE DATE FOR NEW ZEALAND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TENTATIVE SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH LECONTE.
4. LECONTE WISHES VISIT NEW DELHI JANUARY 6 TO 9 FOR

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DISCUSSION WITH MILLS ABOUT SMITHSONIAN ADMINISTRATIVE

MATTERS.

ACTION REQUESTED

5. COLOMBO AND NEW DELHI PLEASE INFORM IF OBJECTION PER-
CEIVED TO LECONTE VISIT. RUSH

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